



Hernando County Education Foundation 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

(For the 2028 State Teacher of the Year)

**Nomination Forms due to School/Department Selection Committee no later than October 20, 2026,
by 4:00 pm**

Do you know a teacher who has gone above and beyond to inspire students and make a lasting impact on the teaching profession? Nominate an exceptional educator for the Teacher of the Year program and help us celebrate the outstanding professional educators in Hernando County.

The mission of the Teacher of the Year program is to honor and recognize excellence in teaching, support continued learning for all educators and highlight the importance and impact of the profession. Selecting a Teacher of the Year celebrates the thousands of outstanding professional educators in Florida schools.

Who Can Nominate?

Anyone, including supervisors, administrators, teachers, community members, parents/guardians, and students in Hernando County, is welcome to submit a nomination.

Eligible Nominees:

Full-time district educators eligible for nomination include:

- Classroom teachers in traditional and charter public schools (grades Pre-K through 12)
- School counselors
- Media specialists
- Speech/language pathologists
- Special area teachers (e.g., exceptional student education, world languages, music)
- Professional educators providing instructional support services to students (e.g., school psychologists, social workers, instructional coaches)
- Adult education teachers
- Postsecondary vocational/technical education teachers

Ineligible Nominees:

School personnel in administrative or supervisory roles, such as principals or deans of students, are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Criteria:

1. Commits to fostering a climate of care and respect both within and beyond the classroom, building positive relationships with students, families, and other stakeholders to support effective teaching and learning. Actively engages parents and families in the educational process to boost student achievement.
2. Shows a positive influence on student learning and engagement, which is evident through achievement, learning growth, or a combination of both. Their students take responsibility for their own thinking and actively participate in the classroom.
3. Demonstrates the ability to promote excellence in education and actively contributes to the ongoing improvement of student learning and the school environment. This individual maintains open, positive communication and builds strong relationships with students and families.



4. Strengthens the teaching profession and supports teachers' development; engages and inspires students through meaningful learning activities; demonstrates exceptional interpersonal skills when communicating with students, families, and community members.
5. Advocates for the teaching profession among community and business groups and shares information with retired military personnel and others who may be interested in teaching as a second career.
6. Advocates for the significance of quality education and teaching for a better future.
7. Encourages and attracts talented individuals to pursue careers in teaching while also providing information about Florida's scholarship and loan programs for educators.
8. Nominations should be submitted without consideration of race, age, gender, national origin, religion, or disability.

I Nominate _____ to represent _____ School.

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Please see page 3. (Page 3 Must be completed to be a valid submission.)



I believe this nominee would be an excellent representative for Hernando County because:

Describe how this nominee has had an academic and/or behavioral impact on meaningful student learning outcomes for all students in the classroom: (use additional page if necessary)

Please provide specific examples of how this nominee has been a teacher leader in the school, district or subject area: (use additional page if necessary)

Please provide any additional information you would like to share about the nominee:

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